

RESOLUTION NO.: 12-119

RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT FOUR TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION WHICH, IF ADOPTED, WOULD GRANT CERTAIN TAX BREAKS TO SOME TAXPAYERS AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER TAXPAYERS; URGING RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH TO VOTE AGAINST THE AMENDMENT AND URGING ALL OTHER VOTERS ACROSS THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF VOTING IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT FOUR.

WHEREAS, a proposed constitutional amendment sponsored by the Florida Legislature will be placed on the 2012 general election ballot as "Amendment 4"; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment eliminates "recapture" by enabling the Legislature to prohibit increases in the assessed value of homestead property if the just value of the property decreases; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment grants first-time homesteaders an additional homestead exemption equal to 50 percent of just value of the property up to the county median home value that will self-amortize over a period of five years; and

WHEREAS, the proposed constitutional change reduces the current assessment limitation on non-homestead property from 10 percent to 5 percent; and

WHEREAS, several property tax initiatives, including additional homestead exemptions, Save Our Homes Portability, statutory millage caps and the City of Hialeah's additional exemption for income eligible seniors, have served to alleviate the tax burden on homeowners; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would cost local governments, including the City of Hialeah, hundreds of millions of dollars, at a time when the City has already implemented severe measures to cut expenses; and

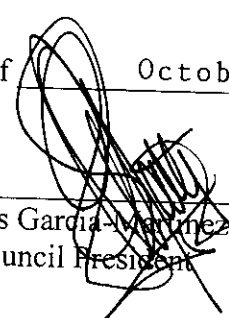
WHEREAS, the proposed amendment would place a heavy burden on the City's ability to maintain its level of services.

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Section 1. The foregoing facts and recitations contained in the preamble of this resolution are hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

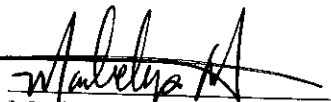
Section 2. The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Hialeah, Florida urge its residents to vote against Amendment 4 at the general elections in November and further urge all residents across the State of Florida to carefully consider the adverse consequences of voting in favor of Amendment 4 before casting their vote.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 09 day of October, 2012.



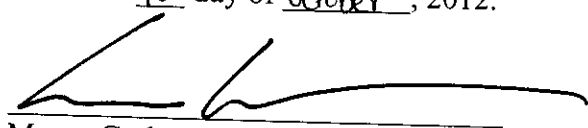
Isis Garcia-Martinez
Council President

Attest:



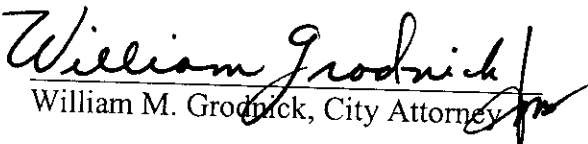
Marbelys Rubio, Acting City Clerk

Approved on the 10 day of October, 2012.



Mayor Carlos Hernandez

Approved as to legal sufficiency and form:



William M. Grodnick, City Attorney

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Resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote with Council Members, Caragol, Casals-Muñoz, Cue-Fuente, Garcia-Martinez, Gonzalez, Hernandez and Lozano voting "Yes".